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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: METHOD TO REMOVE AN OXIDE SEAM  
ALONG GATE STACK EDGE, WHEN  
NITRIDE SPACER FORMATION BEGINS

Examiner: L. M. Schillinger

**STATUS INQUIRY**

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Dear Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the attorney named below be advised of the status of the above-identified patent application. Please advise us of when we might expect to receive an Office Action from the Patent and Trademark Office.

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Respectfully submitted,

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